

Table 57.

Percentage distribution of final medical allowances, by year of application and reason for allowance, 1992–2003

Year	Total		Meets level of severity of listings	Equals level of severity of listings	Medical and vocational factors considered	Other <sup>a</sup>
	Number	Percent				
All disabled beneficiaries						
1999	707,169	100.0	33.1	5.9	27.0	34.0
2000	759,440	100.0	31.4	6.2	29.5	32.9
2001	823,786	100.0	30.6	6.2	30.7	32.5
2002	800,338	100.0	31.8	6.0	33.7	28.5
2003	651,002	100.0	37.4	6.9	42.1	13.6
Workers						
1992	689,111	100.0	34.3	11.1	24.3	30.3
1993	695,007	100.0	34.3	8.7	23.6	33.4
1994	671,791	100.0	34.5	6.9	25.6	32.9
1995	628,292	100.0	34.5	6.7	26.8	31.9
1996	651,979	100.0	34.2	7.0	27.4	31.4
1997	601,498	100.0	35.0	7.6	26.4	31.0
1998	612,452	100.0	35.5	6.6	27.0	30.9
1999	638,452	100.0	33.7	6.3	28.4	31.7
2000	688,427	100.0	32.0	6.6	30.9	30.5
2001	753,268	100.0	31.2	6.5	32.1	30.2
2002	730,230	100.0	32.5	6.3	35.3	25.9
2003	589,254	100.0	38.5	7.4	44.7	9.4
Widow(er)s						
1999	29,099	100.0	14.9	2.5	24.6	58.0
2000	29,633	100.0	12.8	2.5	26.3	58.3
2001	30,011	100.0	12.3	2.6	27.1	57.9
2002	28,902	100.0	12.1	2.2	28.0	57.8
2003	24,691	100.0	12.5	2.5	30.1	54.8
Adult children						
1999	39,618	100.0	35.9	3.2	7.4	53.5
2000	41,380	100.0	35.0	3.1	7.3	54.7
2001	40,507	100.0	33.0	3.0	8.0	55.9
2002	41,206	100.0	33.2	3.0	8.0	55.8
2003	37,057	100.0	35.8	3.1	9.1	52.0

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research file, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2004. Data for the hearing level or above are current through August 2004.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the numbers and percentages will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or be subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

Data include decisions for Social Security–only applications and applications for both Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI); they do not include SSI-only claims.

Data from 1992 to 1998 are available for disabled workers only.

a. Includes applications for which the disability was previously established and those for which the basis for the determination is not available. The majority of applications for which the basis of determination is not available are cases allowed at or above the hearing level.

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